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Library Programs

STATEWIDE LIBRARY DELIVERY SERVICE IN RHODE ISLAND*

SUMMARY

WHO: 147 libraries in the Library of Rhode Island (LORI), RI's multitype library network
WHERE: Libraries in every city and town in Rhode Island
WHEN: Libraries receive delivery up to 5 days a week, (see table below)
HOW: The RI Office of Library & Information Services (OLIS) manages the program, contracting with a commercial vendor to provide the sorting and delivery of materials.

The statewide delivery system moves materials between and among libraries and library networks, including LORI members, the public library network (CLAN), the school library network (RILINK), and the academic library network (HELIN).

CURRENT DELIVERY SCHEDULE (1/02)

Total stops number 474 each week. Deliveries are made Monday through Friday.
 Most public and academic/research libraries receive delivery five days a week. Schools receive 1-2 stops each week.
 Special (hospitals, state, and institutional) libraries receive 1-5 stops a week.

Number of libraries by number of delivery days:					
	Total No. of libraries	Public Libraries	Academic Libraries	School Libraries	Special Libraries
5-day delivery	57	39	16		2
4-day delivery	9	8			1
3-day delivery	18	16	2		0
2-day delivery	32	7		19	6
1-day delivery	31	1		17	13
0-day delivery	10	1		5	4
Total	147	71	18	36	26

COSTS

Projected cost for FY 2003, including staff time for contract management and troubleshooting, supplies, and vendor fees, is estimated at \$265,991 and is not earmarked in the State Budget. Budget restrictions allow OLIS to allocate less than \$100,000 of its state funding for delivery.

With a \$500,000 state appropriation, delivery service could be expanded to 64 additional RI schools, (bringing the total number of schools served up to 23% from the current 8%, could bring all libraries receiving less than 5-day delivery up to 5 days per week, and could provide 6-day a week delivery to RI's busiest libraries.

*As of January, 2002